

Christmas Greetings from All of Us

Seated: R. A. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent; Joseph L. Gerhart, Superintendent; William O. Vickery, Secretary-Treasurer.
Second row: Doris Cutler, Elaine Hillegas, Wanda Bartram, Ruth Gerhart, Harriet Wilson, Goldia Anderson, Estelle Morgan, Ruby Edgar, Dona Swartout, Pearl Stump.
Third row: Janie Olson, Jeannette Book, Charles Short, Berent Knutsen, Ed Cole, Stephen Asmuth, Margaret Bond, Judy Short.





PEOPLE AND PLACES

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ALEX AND ANN SCHEVCHUK . . .

Alex and Ann Shevchuk have added a son to their family in Manila, Philippines. Young Benjamin arrived on October 22, and weighed in at 10 lb. 6 oz. and boasted an 'over-all' length of 23¼ inches. Congratulations to parents and big brother Peter.

CHOWCHILLA, FIRST ASSEMBLY . . .

Pastor Floyd Baker recently returned from a 22-day tour of the Holy Land. Places visited were France, England, Italy, Greece, Lebanon, Jerusalem, Jordan and Israel. It was a privilege for the group to attend the opening of a new revival center in Beirut, Lebanon, where the Reverend and Mrs. Bob Hoskins are the missionaries.

GUSTINE ASSEMBLY . . .

Gustine Assembly has just concluded one of the most successful revivals in its history. During the three weeks of meetings over 12 were filled with the Holy Spirit and 7 were saved. Reverend Leonard Miller of Watsonville was the evangelist. The church recently was the recipient of a new Baldwin piano given in honor of a member who recently went to be with the Lord. We have also completed a remodeling program which included repainting of the auditorium and installation of wall to wall carpeting. Plans are progressing toward the construction of a new sanctuary.

. . . Pastor Harold F. Steward

THE PIONEERS . . .

The "PIONEERS" gathered for their annual meeting on the fourth Tuesday of October at Bethel Temple in Sacramento. More ministers and laymen attended than last year to enjoy the old fashioned informal services at 10 a.m. and 2 o'clock p.m. with singing, testimonies, prayer, exhortation and praise and worship with a message from the Word. The "Pioneers" are ministers and laity who were in Northern California and Nevada District prior to 1940 and the testimonies brought to remembrance the beginnings of pentecost that has made our wonderful fellowship of the Assemblies of God. Several of those

present last year are now with the Lord and remembrance was made of them.

The group was graciously entertained at lunch by the host church and Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Henson. Brother Gerhart mentioned that headquarters at Springfield is considering a home on the West Coast for older ministers and missionaries.

The planning committee for the "Pioneers" consists of Rev. E. E. Zimmerman, Chairman, Leonard Harris, Claude Wood, Ely Persing and R. J. Thurmond. They look forward to meeting with many more of the oldsters next year on the fourth Tuesday of October at Bethel Temple, Sacramento.

Reported by Mrs. R. J. Thurmond

LT. COMMANDER RONALD G. DeBOCK

Lt. Commander Ronald G. DeBock, Chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, was selected as first "Alumnus of the Year" by the Northwest College Alumni Association. Chaplain DeBock is a member of the Assemblies of God and has recently returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam.



CHAPLAIN DeBOCK

TRACY, FIRST ASSEMBLY . . .

Reverend Robert S. Robertson assumed pastoral duties on September 25. He has pastored Madera First Assembly for the past eight years, also serving as Sectional Presbyter. Mrs. Robertson has served the South San Joaquin Section for the past six years as Director of the W.M.C.

At the time of leaving Madera, plans had been drawn for the erection of new church facilities to be built on recently acquired property.

CHAPLAIN ARDON O. SCHMIDT . . .

Chaplain Ardon O. Schmidt writes from Vietnam, "Today I preached the Gospel to 107 men. The interest and attendance has picked up over the three Sundays I have been here. Several are interested in a Bible study group which we will start right away. Several men of the 175 Engineer Company prepared the cross and sign to place before the mess hall where we have services (see photo). The challenge of reaching these men with the Gospel is overwhelming. The need is so great



CHAPLAIN SCHMIDT

among the men and also in the City of Tay Ninh where there is a small Gospel work, yet so much to do. My heart cries for revival among God's people so we will get the Gospel out to these needy people. In all the hardships and loneliness, just last evening the Lord just bathed me with His presence and love, lifting me out of myself. I don't know how I could have made it without the Lord. God is so good and without Him I can do nothing."

SONOMA VALLEY ASSEMBLY . . .

Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey recently conducted three weeks of meetings. Several were saved, hearts were blessed, and a general move of the Holy Spirit was experienced by the entire church body. The present Sunday School facilities are used to a maximum and preliminary plans are being considered for relocating and the erection of a new church. It is hoped that the new building can be completed by next August.

. . . Paul Boyd, Pastor

CHAPLAIN JULES BALLAS . . .

Chaplain Jules Ballas writes from Vietnam, "This Battalion has been in combat about 96% of the time we have been here. This present operation started 10 May and no end in sight. There have been dark days when things seemed impossible but God has seen us through. Pray for us."

PASTOR JIM HILL . . .

Weaverville - Pastor Jim Hill writes to Superintendent Gerhart, "Thank you for the call to prayer on December 6. We will not be able to make the trip to San Jose for the meeting but we have already begun to pray and fast that God will move in our community. We have found that God is quick to hear our prayer. Just yesterday I was able to pray with a man upon whom the Holy Ghost had brought conviction. What a thrill it was to see the power of conviction work . . . we just bowed before God and joy flooded his soul as he confessed his sin. This man has four children and a wife who have also turned to God and been added to our fellowship.



REV. & MRS. JAMES HILL

"We are fasting and praying as we anticipate beginning revival services on December 1. Remember us in your fellowship of prayer there at the District Office. We appreciate all of you folks who serve us so faithfully in your labor of love. Especially we thank you for the many things that sometimes go unnoticed; the many letters written, the aids and helps for our ministries, the spiritual counsel, the prayer offered up on our behalf, and also for the call to a more spiritual ministry and life.

"Brother Gerhart, we follow you in prayer, faithfulness, and service. Thank you for your leadership."

GEORGE E. HOLMES . . .

After nine years of pastoral work at Menlo Park, on the San Francisco peninsula, George Holmes is resuming the traveling, Bible-teaching ministry that originally brought him and his family to the United States.



REV. G. E. HOLMES

From January 1, 1967, until District Council the Holmes' have a few available dates for meetings where an inspirational and expository ministry is desired. Contact may presently be made at 71 Bay Road, Menlo Park, Calif., 94025. Telephone: 415 - 325-3398.

Immediately after the District Council Brother and Sister Holmes will be flying to Europe for a full schedule of Spring and Summer meetings in the British Isles. Brother Holmes will be guest speaker at the General Council of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and other major conventions. Engagements in the United States will bring the Holmes back for July, DV.

Brother Holmes is now scheduling meetings for the Fall of 1967 and the Spring of 1968. After December 31 of this year contact may be made with him at 831 - 11th Avenue, Redwood City, California, 94063. Telephone 415 - 365-1027. He hopes to have the pleasure and opportunity of ministering in many of the churches in the Northern California and Nevada District Council, by invitation.

FALLON, NEVADA . . .

Pastor T.E. Fourt reports, "There continues to be a good feeling of spiritual blessing in the church . . . We had the Katter family here in a musical concert in September. Four adults were saved or reclaimed. One asked for water baptism immediately. So, today we baptized him and his wife and four others in water. It was a beautiful day and a time for blessing for all. We had the service in a different sort of place. Due to low water in lakes and other places being rather dirty this time of year, we were allowed to rent the swimming pool at the Travelodge Motel for an hour. It was enclosed and private, and we were given most courteous treatment."

BURNEY ASSEMBLY. . .

Burney Assembly recently dedicated beautiful new facilities with Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart officiating. William Cummings, Secretary of the Assembly, reports that the total indebtedness is not expected to exceed \$20,000 with a total value of the property being \$150,000. He also points out that during this time of building, the missionary giving has increased considerably. Also, for the first time in many years, the Pastor has been put on full salary. The Assembly has given Pastor and Mrs. Lawrence Langley a special love offering so that they can take some time off to rest following the strain of the building program. (Congratualtions to the Burney Assembly.)

WILLIAM SAVIDGE . . .

William Savidge is recovering from heart surgery. After several years of illness due to a heart condition, Reverend Savidge recently had an artery transplant. The surgeon says it will be several months before the success of the transplant can be completely determined. Brother and Sister Savidge will appreciate your continued prayers. Friends may address them at 2417 Ione St., Sacramento, Calif. 95825.

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WHY BELIEVE

First, let me say I am not going to prove the existence of God. Such proof is impossible. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that can be proved absolutely. Love cannot be proved. I cannot prove to you that my wife loves me or not, but I believe it, because I know she does. If God were capable of proof, he would not be God, because the finite could then comprehend the infinite, the imperfect could grasp the absolute, and this is obviously contradictory. Conversely there exists no real evidence to disbelieve in God: amazingly enough the Scriptures deal with each minor objection that has been raised. Again, one would have to know all the truth and would have to have searched out all of the universe to state that God does not exist.

Now we come to our propositions. First, assume that God exists. This is the best answer and assumption to begin with in the light of all knowledge available. Second, that the atheistic position is illogical, because it leaves so much unexplained and therefore is more difficult to accept. The Bible declares God's existence, but nowhere does it attempt to prove His existence. It asserts God, "In the beginning, God." Did you ever consider how profound and logical that statement is? It's talking about eternity, before time began. Try substituting other words, ideas or systems in the place of God. In the beginning science or philosophy or life or even man. No, the only adequate term with meaning that makes sense is the idea of God. Or take the statement of the Word that declares, "I am God and beside me there is none other." The setting of this statement, all that it implies, its uniqueness, and its claim that God speaks. It's only reasonable to accept, and to do otherwise would leave too many questions unanswered.

The Scriptures say, "The Heavens declare the glory of God." How do you explain the immenseness of the universe? The universe as vast, consistent, dependable, complicated and thorough as it is, indicates a great designer, with superior intelligence. Man does not create, he utilizes forces available. The universe is a unit; its life, beauty, design, method, law, motion and progress are the results of one mind, one force and one process.

Consider further the intricate design of the eye, ear, foot, hand or the design written on every bud, branch, blossom, leaf, lily, rose or flower. There can be only one explanation.

Look at the master plan of nature. The rock lives for the soil, the soil lives for the tree, the tree for the animal, the animal for man, the man for the family, the family for the child, the child for the race, the race produces a civilization, and so another chapter in history. This is a divine climax and divine plan.

Atheism is illogical because the atheist in the world sees no sign of anything corresponding to the mind or spirit or purpose, no sign of a universal spirit or reason, everything is blind and unconscious force. This is a naturalist and materialist view of the world. In fact, the atheist would have to be God himself to assert there is no God. Herbert Spencer said, "We are ever in the presence of an infinite and eternal energy from which all things proceed." To disbelieve in God is like saying there exists no sign of an intelligent system, order or consistency in the universe. I declare it a greater difficulty not to believe in God because the best explanation of the universe is an order resulting from a purposive mind.

How do you explain the existence of life? Have you noted the inadequacy of Man's finest answer. For instance, evolution alone. It does not explain why life exists, why it originated. It does not state why the fittest of the species survive and become permanent. It cannot explain the existence of mind or the consciousness of man.

It is no wonder that Emanuel Kant said, "There are two things that fill my soul with awe. The starry sky above me and the moral law within me." *Reader's Digest* quote, "The best reply to an atheist is to give him a good dinner and ask him if he believes there is a cook."

The existence and possibility of science indicates a rational order. We see a correlation between mind and the natural order or science could not exist. The very existence of an intelligible world forces me to

accept the most logical explanation that is, the existence of an intelligent mind.

Consider the nature of man. Within man is a sense of thought of a right and a wrong: this is a strong implication of a moral law within a moral universe. The consciousness of man of law, good, truth, justice can best be explained by an intelligent Being behind it all.

How do you explain history and the Scriptures without God? And what about man's claim to know God? How do you explain this universal searching of man after God? The best explanation, especially that of Freud's is completely inconsistent and illogical. As the Scriptures declare, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." That's the fool's creed. Yet men criticize and oppose Christianity without taking the trouble to investigate it thoroughly and objectively. Can he know there is a God? He can believe though he does not see. This is not by logic or mathematical formula. God is not an object that can be weighed or measured by laboratory technique. He is a person to know. We know by trusting and following Him. We believe, not because we prove His existence, but rather try to prove Him because we believe in Him.

Agnosticism or atheism leaves too much unexplained. There are greater difficulties in not believing than in believing. How are we to account for certain phenomena? The universe; how do you explain it? Nothing created itself, nothing contains within itself reason for its own existence. Everything has a cause. This leads us to conclude that an uncreated source is behind all of creation as the best answer.

The noted atheist, Bertrand Russell's answer to the notion that the world has an explanation is that it is a mistaken notion. He explains the universe this way, "I would say that the universe is just there and that's all." But great philosophers, intellects and men of faith differ with this evasive answer. They see that the universe, regardless of the method of creation is not eternal and it did not create itself. Those who will be honest even though they do not accept the Christian revel-

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ation if they contemplate the mystery, immensity and variety in creation are constrained to believe in a creator. Nature is like a painting; it bears the character of an artist.

William Paley gives the example of a man who crosses a field and his foot strikes a stone. He knows that the stone existed a long time; how long is unknown. Then he finds a watch and he knows immediately, it's not forever. If he examines and sees its parts, its frame, he concludes it's put together on purpose. As he views its motion, how it's regulated to point to the hour of the day, he concludes the watch had an intelligent maker or designer. This analogy illustrates the natural world. The stars in their course, the regular seasons and the symmetry of the human body suggests purpose and design. I am forced to believe that there must be a mind behind all of life as I view its beauty, goodness and truth.

How does the atheist explain the movement and purpose of history? They have no explanation, but this does not satisfy the honest man. Does man make his own history? If so, how do you explain the event or even the existence of creation? How do you explain the existence of the nation of Israel, its emergence, and survival. When Frederick the Great asked for a proof of God's existence, his Lutheran pastor is said to have given him a two-word answer: "The Jews."

Another question remains unanswered. The birth of Christianity. How do you explain its birth and the change it produced in the course of history? The man who denies God has trouble explaining the development of certain events in history. The skeptic attributes all events to human causes, but you cannot name a single human cause why Christianity should have survived through the first three centuries of the Christian era. It should have been destroyed. Again, I am forced to believe there exists a moral purpose running through history. Why is it that the noted historian,

Arnold Toynbee, points out of the 21 civilizations, 19 perished from deterioration from within. There are natural laws and there are moral laws. If either are broken one will inevitably suffer the consequences.

Next, how do you explain personal religious experience? Most civilized men have believed in God. Is it possible that all men have been deluded by a universal religious feeling? It is unfair to accuse all men who believe as inferior. This would make these men inferior: Socrates, Plato, Cicero, Seneca, Descartes, Spinoza, Kant, Goethe, Gandhi, Eddington, Lodge, Newton, Pascal and others. I declare to you that agnosticism is the easy way out; it is less involved to say I don't know, because one must probe beyond humanistic and material explanations, and they don't want to admit the existence of the spiritual reality.

If there is no God how do you account for the Christian faith? Let us examine the alternative. Christianity would be a colossal hoax if there were no God and all churches would foster a monstrous lie: the saints would all be psychopaths and the martyrs neurotics. Men like Schweitzer would be sentimental fools. How could so much good come from this delusion? This trend of thinking would be like drawing the conclusion that the whole world is crazy and I alone—sane. What about the Scriptures? Atheism would reduce this library of books, full of history authenticated by Archaeology as myth, legend, and fiction. But the Bible, gathered over a period of 1000 years is predicated on this one truth, that man does know God exists and God has revealed what He is like. The Bible takes God for granted as any biographer would take his subject for granted. You would not try to prove the existence of Washington or Lincoln, but by your biography you declare their existence. The Bible writers were reporters who reported what happened to them, and they were trustworthy. They saw the works of God in their nation. They saw God in history at work. They sensed and experienced God in their lives.

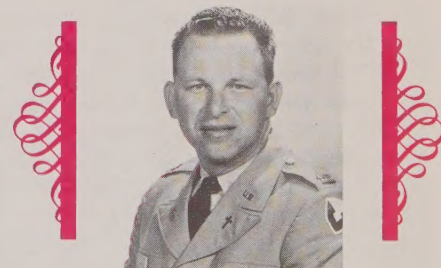
Finally, what about Jesus Christ? He existed as there is all the historical proof needed available from the

Bible and other historical documents. Was he insane or deluded or as He claimed to be the Son of God? He claimed to make God known to man.

What are the alternatives to belief in God? I believe because I am forced to. It's according to nature, existence and the universe as a whole that I believe in God. Other answers to my questions are completely untenable. If I am honest, I must believe in God as I have no better alternative. This belief is elementary to all our way of life.

Pascal's argument to the atheist—you may be right and I may be wrong as a Christian, but I have nothing to lose and everything to gain, because it is the best kind of life. But if you are wrong as an atheist and I'm right, you have lost twice and especially eternity. Hence as a Christian I am the winner either way and the Atheist is, possibly loser twice. Therefore, it's best to choose the best bet and the best kind of life to follow, that of a Christian.

Finally again, I appeal to my own experience of accepting, receiving Jesus Christ. He is as real to me as any other person alive, even my family. To deny my experience of receiving His life, of this effect on my life would be like trying to deny two lovers their love for each other. My experience of Christ, the assurance of forgiveness, peace, happiness and meaning that has come to me through the living Christ, I can never reject but accept and proclaim it—that Jesus Christ has brought God to my life and I know God through Jesus Christ. I believe; I can do nothing else.



Chaplain Ardon O. Schmidt

Ed's footnote: Chaplain Schmidt is a member of this District, presently serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. See report on page 2.



HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON
Director of
Home and Foreign Missions



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Everett L. Philips, field secretary for Africa telegraphed national headquarters recently to state that all Nigeria missionaries were safe. The disturbance was among the nationals and no whites were molested.

RILEY E. KAUFMAN, Hong Kong . . .

Riley E. Kaufman, FEBC Hong Kong Director, sends a note of Thanksgiving - The 3¾ hours daily of Chinese broadcasts discontinued in June in Manila due to shortage of funds were resumed on Sept. 18.

JOHN AND DORRIS LEMOS, Brazil . . .

John and Dorris Lemos continue to find life very busy at the Bible School. The Lemos' children were bitten by a mad dog but survived the painful treatment. In spite of precautions a snake of the most poisonous variety of the country was discovered less than a foot from the front step. God had protected them.



MR. & MRS. JOHN LEMOS, RACHEL, REBEKAH AND MARK

WHEELER ANDERSON, Limbe, Malawi . . .

Wheeler Anderson had a bout with bronchial pneumonia recently but the presses are rolling and son Kimball is improving.

DON AND VIRGINIA CORBIN, Senegal . . .

Don and Virginia Corbin made their third move in their first year and hope they are finally settled. They are well and happy.

JAMES STEWART, Rustenburg, Transvaal

James Stewart has booked a flight to arrive in San Francisco January 10. Pray for the Stewart family as they furlough and that adequate help will be found to assist Mel Grams at the school.

ROSE ANN MURPHY, San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America . . .

Rose Ann Murphy is teaching missionary children. She is kept busy with two first-graders, one third-grader, three fourth-graders and two fifth-graders. In her spare time she helps at the Bible School, Sunday School and church. Mail will reach her at Apartado 1407.

PAUL AND VIOLET PIPKIN . . .

Paul and Violet Pipkin have received a new appointment to Manila, Philippine Islands. They will do church pioneering in the Manila area. Through radio and TV they hope to reach some of the 3 million people and have set as a goal ten churches to be established in four years. Only Paul Rader and Joyce Carol will accompany them. Janice is attending Bethany Bible College this fall.

FREDOLF AND ARDELLE SONDENO, Okinawa . . .

Fredolf and Ardelle Sondeno are settled in a strong cement block house and escaped injury during the typhoon. Recently their car was stolen and, though recovered, it was damaged.

MEL AND VERNA GRAMS, Rustenburg, South Africa . . .

Mel and Verna Grams report that they are thrilled with Bible Training Institute, students and chapel sessions. They are in their own home and barrels from the States arrived.

BERNHARD AND DORIS JOHNSON, Brazil

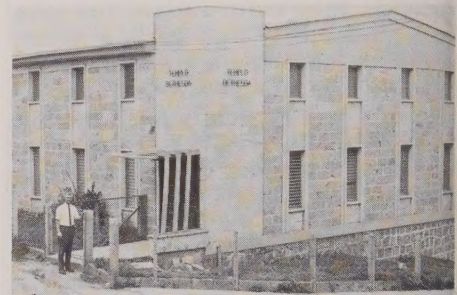
Bernhard and Doris Johnson have a new address: Caixa Postal 70-ZC-37, Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil. After a busy winter of evangelism crusades and good results they report 1700 were saved in two weeks and 142 received the Holy Spirit in one service. Bernhard plans to leave for meetings in Argentina, Germany and the States.

EARL AND MARILYN KRAMAR . . .

Earl and Marilyn Kramar plan to leave immediately after Christmas for language school in Guadaluajara, Mexico. Then directly to Colombia. At their October writing nearly all of their needed support was in and most of the items for outfitting have been supplied.

ELDON AND NEVA EASTER . . .

Eldon and Neva Easter have a new address - Apartado 25, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C.A. Due to an emergency in missionary personnel the Easters are supplying at the capital in the Evangelistic Center and caring for and establishing new churches in that area. Eldon enjoyed his teaching ministry at the school but a national pastor who taught last year is filling this position at present.



1. Evangelistic Center, Tegucigalpa.
2. Counseling pastors in El Paraiso (The Paradise). I love these men, for their tremendous sacrifice for the cause of Christ.
3. Opening and setting in order new church. As yet they do not have a building . . . meeting in a house.
4. Missionary and friend - called Speed-the-Light.

HOME MISSIONS

LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA . . .

The church in Loomis, California under the leadership of pastor Jack Vierstra has undertaken a major remodeling program. The building originally was used for a community center for a Japanese colony. One end of the building has been remodeled into a beautiful sanctuary. On September 19 the sanctuary was dedicated to the Lord for a place of worship.

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The "4 J's", the Musical Lindvall Family, will be happy to visit Home Mission churches for Sunday services. Their address is 433 Roosevelt, Sunnyvale, California, 94086.

HOME MISSIONS CHURCH DEDICATED

Pastor Earl Hubbard and Calvary Assembly of God in Merced hosted the South San Joaquin section fellowship meeting and welcomed their many friends to their church dedication service Monday, Oct. 24.

Guest speaker for the Sunday services featured the District secretary-treasurer, William L. Vickery. Assistant superintendent R. A. Wilson, Sr. was the afternoon fellowship meeting speaker and introduced the first Merced pastor, Harold Burgess, who ministered there in the '30s. The evening dedicatory message and prayer was brought by District superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart.

Following the afternoon service a ham dinner was served by the church.

Ground was broken just a year ago for this new building and during the construction the congregation worshipped in the small store front structure, later razed. Pastor Hubbard is assisted by his son.



This picture should have been included in the panel from Eldon Easter, but there wasn't room! We didn't want you to miss it though. He calls it:

"HAPPINESS IS A HAMMOCK"

A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS FOR BBC's FOREIGN STUDENTS

A happier Christmas for foreign students and missionaries' children attending Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz was the result of a recent WMC rally in the Lake Berryessa section.

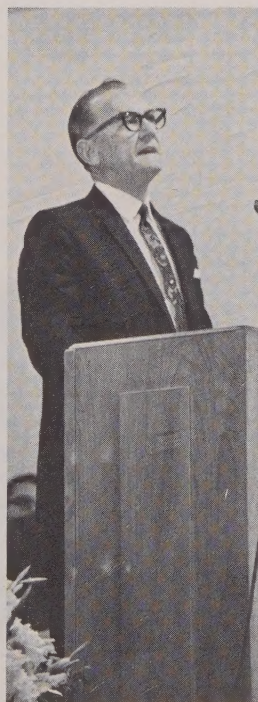
For the past number of years, the ladies of that section have provided "Sunshine Boxes" of necessary toilet articles for students who have come from foreign countries. These are presented at an annual Christmas party in their honor at the WMC Commissary near the College.

The ladies of the Lake Berryessa section featured Bethany Bible College in their September rally held in St. Helena, and also provided a grocery shower for needy married students. The Reverend Kenneth Olson, Public Relations Director for the college, was guest speaker.

Mrs. Pike Robinson, pastor's wife at Benicia, is the WMC director for that section.



MRS. PIKE ROBINSON, Lake Berryessa Section WMC director, looks over the "Sunshine Boxes" to be presented to Bethany's foreign students and missionaries' children for Christmas.



#1: REV. GERHART delivers the Dedicatory Sermon.

#2: REV. HAYSTEAD and DR. BURNETT lead the congregation in the Dedication Response.

#3: THE SINGING AMBASSADORS provide special music.



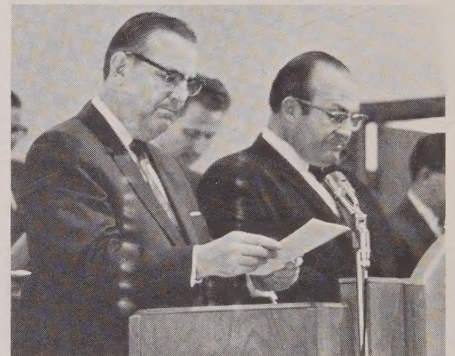
BETHANY DEDICATES CHAPEL ADDITION

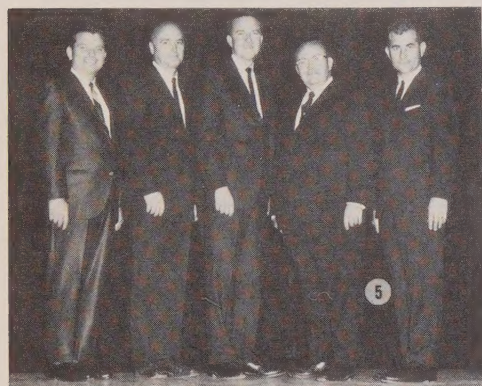
"We prayerfully dedicate this house of God" were the words which rang from the newly enlarged Craig Memorial Chapel, during the Dedication Service October 14th.

Bethany's Board of Trustees were honored guests for the occasion, and a number participated.

Following music by the Ambassador Choir and Miss Karen Blackwood, the Reverend Joseph Gerhart, Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District of the Assemblies of God, brought an inspiring dedication sermon. He gave words of commendation concerning the college and its leadership.

The Reverend Kenneth H. Haystead, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, invited President C. C. Burnett to join with him in leading the Dedication Response. The students responded with a standing ovation for the President as an expression of thanks for his dedication toward the college.





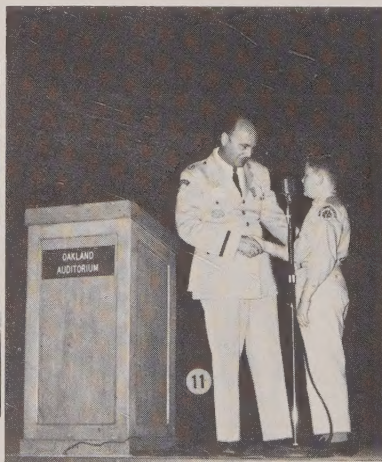
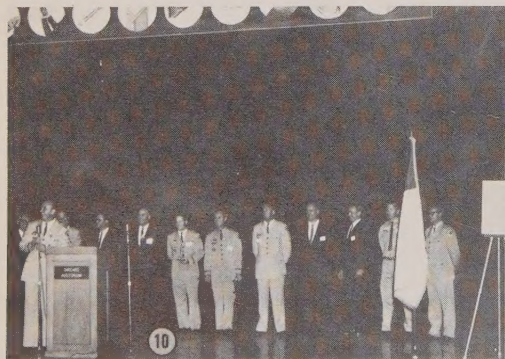
MENS FELLOWSHIP



- 1—District MF Treasurer Richard Black welcoming the Third Annual District Men's Fellowship Conventioneers. Theme sign—"Man in Demand" was painted by Mr. Ed Hutka, MF President in Livermore, California.
- 2—Rev. Joseph Gerhart introducing speaker of the morning.
- 3—Morning Speaker - Mr. Lambert Dolphin, Research Physicist.
- 4—"Kings Crusaders" Quartet from Los Gatos Assembly.
- 5—(l-r) Mr. J. P. Jones, E. L. Cole, Mr. Dolphin, Dr. C. C. Burnett, and Convention Coordinator Max Rondoni.
- 6—(l-r) Commander Glenn Toliver of Manteca, "Outpost of the Year" award and "Commander of the Year" Lyle Romack of Capitol Assembly in Sacramento.
- 7—Capitol Assembly Drill Team.
- 8—Commander Paul Johnson and Glenn Toliver with "Frontiersman Camping Fraternity" display.
- 9—E. L. Cole interviews BBC Student Dan Arris who "hitchhiked" from Nigeria to School.
- 10—Presentation of Sectional Commanders.
- 11—Congratulations to Ranger Heptner of Atwater, California who was given a scholarship to the school of his choice because of his concern for the sick and shut in . . .

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CONVENTION - *mf*



MISSIONETTES

Christmas is probably the happiest time of the year for Missionettes as they work together to make others happy. In fact these girls begin working on Christmas many months in advance of December 25. If you could peek into their meeting places you would see them busily engaged in making stuffed toys for children in orphanages, embroidering tea towels to brighten the kitchen of a missionary family, sewing layettes to be sent overseas or to an Indian reservation.

Perhaps the girls are meeting in private homes so that they can bake cookies and make candy for the fellows from their church who are serving Uncle Sam at home and abroad.

Missionettes are glad to offer their services to the church at any time of the year, but their help is especially appreciated around the holidays when so many activities are planned. The girls love to assist in decorating or packing boxes and baskets for the needy. As they go caroling in hospitals, rest homes, and visit the shut-ins they bring cheer to many who otherwise might be lonely.

God is richly blessing these young girls as they dedicate themselves to His service. Girls are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and their contribution to the cause of Christ cannot be measured. Missionettes are finding a place in the Kingdom of God and as a result of their testimony girls from outside the church are being won for the Lord. The Christ of Christmas is very real in the hearts of the Missionettes.

CHRISTMAS, 1966

Once again we find ourselves busily engaged in the whirl of activities for the season and The Day. Preparations for Christmas feasting, Christmas giving, Christmas cheer, are all around us. In the midst of all these outward expressions of love and good will, in which we so joyfully take part, it is well to turn our hearts toward Him whose love we exemplify in the giving of gifts.

The beautiful spirit of Christmas is too lovely to be "observed" only one day. Let's "keep" it all through the year.



WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ANYONE ?



Our
Christmas lists
Change from year to year,
Some folks die—
Some move away—
Some just drift out of our lives,
But Christmas
Is the Birthday of the KING!
Is HE on your list?
Have you included HIM?
Our
Home Missionaries
And Foreign Missionaries
Represent HIM
In the Harvest fields for souls.
Help us remember them
With a gift
This Christmas Season.
Jesus said,
"Inasmuch
as ye have done it unto one of
the least of these, my brethren
ye have done it
unto me."

DONNA SWARTWOUT New Secretary In WMC Office

Donna Swartwout attended schools in Salem, Oregon, and upon graduation from High School became employed as a secretary for the State of Oregon, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She attended Bethany Bible College for two years, and during these two years was employed by the Santa Cruz City Schools office. Donna is engaged to Blaine Franklin, a student at Bethany Bible College and also manager of the BBC Bookstore.



DONNA SWARTWOUT



GOLDIA ANDERSON
and ELIZABETH GOMES



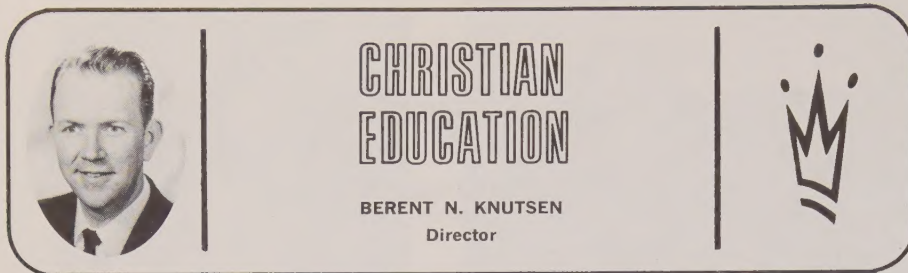
SEASONS GREETINGS from WMC

To you who are our friends through the pages of the Glad Tidings each month —

To you, missionaries in far distant lands, away from loved ones and Yule-tide Customs, and in home mission fields of His choosing—

To you, our WMC and Y members whose hearts never cease to burn with the desire to give of yourselves in material means and God-honored intercessory prayer, our Christmas wishes come—

To you, Missionettes in the bright morning of your service for the Master, as in consecration you follow His Star.



BERENT N. KNUTSEN
Director

APPRECIATION BANQUETS

This is Sunday School staff appreciation time. Everyone likes to be thanked and there is certainly a no more deserving group than the teachers and staffs of our Sunday Schools in our District.

Superintendent Bill Martin of Petaluma did a very nice thing. He went through his entire staff giving a word of thanks to each individual for their particular effort. The Superintendent of San Jose Bethel, Ancil Gregg, handed out a number of gifts to staff members who had excelled in some special way. He added another note of thanks in exercising his culinary skills by personally preparing a special dish for the entire banquet. Superintendent Jim Shade of Bethel Temple Turlock used lovely decorations to carry out his theme, "The Night Cometh." His original supplication was that we have so little time to teach them in our Sunday Schools. Soon they will be gone.

The attractive appointments and delicious food showed the appreciation of Superintendent Del Waltrip of Concord.

An especially noteworthy idea was that of several churches who donated the dinner to their staff as a token of appreciation. But only God can truly repay the efforts of these fine and consecrated workers. Perhaps the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will be in part an appreciation banquet for those dedicated Sunday School staffs who have served so faithfully.

WORKERS TRAINING BOOKS AVAILABLE

This year's book entitled, "Teaching as Jesus Taught" by John Garlock is available now through the District Christian Education Department. Since there will be a profit realized for the Christian Education Department from the sale of the books, it is hoped that the churches will purchase theirs through our District Department. A ten percent discount will be given for cash. Here is the breakdown:

"Teaching as Jesus Taught"	\$1.25
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Postage03
Amount due 1 book	\$1.20

Send \$1.20 per copy with your order.
All sales will be cash or C.O.D.

Plan A V.B.S. In 1967

The Sonoma Valley Assembly of God is having pains, but no one is complaining because they are growing pains. Classroom space is very critical.

The VBS spirit caught fire a few years ago and there has been a steady growth each year since then. Pastor Boyd states that he uses the team teaching method in his classes which proves to be a real asset and encouragement to his staff members. Here is pictured some of the 119 enrolled and 18 staff members of their recent Vacation Bible School.

Also making a real contribution to the Sunday School is the Royal Ranger and Missionette departments. Many new contacts and invitations to the homes of new prospects have been made that never would otherwise have been made. The pastor wishes to commend Commander Richard Harrah and Missionette Director Marxine Walton for their splendid leadership.



NICKEL MARCH

Join the other churches of the district in a District-wide nickel march, on BGMC Day, February 5.

A nickel will not purchase very much in America anymore, but in South America it can purchase fifty colored tracts.

BGMC does something very important for our children. It teaches them about missions as they give toward purchasing literature for missions distribution.

If you would like to join in the march, why not set a monetary goal for your church, or perhaps you can buy tracts enough for a community your size in South America. (50 will supply tracts for a community of 50,000.)

Should you wish to order barrels: (BGMC, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri).

A WAITING LIST

The other day it was my privilege to visit for the first time the North Marin Co. Nursery School which is a department of the North Marin Assembly of God, Novato, California where Reverend Kirk Soper is the pastor and serves also as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nursery School.

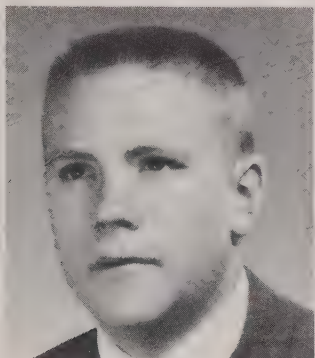
The idea of a nursery school originated in the heart of the William Vickerys as they assumed the responsibility of the District-sponsored pioneer work at Novato. Would it work? There were reservations and obstacles. The church facilities were not designed with a nursery school in mind. There was much red tape originating at the county welfare department. Would the community accept the idea of sending their children to a nursery school in a church? Would it be a help to the church financially or an encumbrance? God led them to counsel that assisted with the red tape; and to a faculty that presented an attractive program to both the parents and children.

How has the school helped the church? First, the church was quickly and graciously accepted in the community. Secondly, and of equal importance, the nursery school has contributed a large share in helping the new church get on its feet. There are secondary blessings but these two results alone make it worthwhile.

If you move to Novato and want your child to attend this Assembly of God sponsored nursery school, you'll have to get in line, for there has been and still is, a waiting list.

Scholarship Awarded By District CA Department

Mr. Leland Brodchel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brodehl, Lodi, California and Miss Patsy York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David York, North Fork, California have been named Mr. and Miss C.A. of Northern California-Nevada in the Mr. and Miss CA-USA scholarship contest for graduating seniors throughout the nation attending Assemblies of God Churches.



Leland is a graduate of Lodi Union High School where he rated in the top five percent in a class of 650. He is a member of First Assembly of God, Lodi, where he participated in church and youth activities as, C.A. President, Bible Quiz Team, Evangelism projects, orchestra, and member of the advisory council for Youth Congress.



A graduate of Sierra Joint Union High School, Patsy maintained a 3.5 average. She is a member of the North Fork Assembly where she participated in Sunday School and youth activities as C.A. President, member of the choir, and Sunday School Teacher.

Both are attending Bethany Bible College. Patsy received a \$150 scholarship from the District C.A. Dept. Leland was granted a \$150 scholarship from BBC. The scholarship was awarded for academic achievement, character, and participation in school, youth, Sunday School and church activities.



CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH
President



Youth Missions Mobilized Salinas Crusade

DECEMBER 26-30, 1966

Christ's Ambassadors with strong Christian commitment are being urged to prayerfully consider joining the Youth Missions Mobilized Team for a week of their Christmas Vacation in the witnessing crusade in the Salinas area.

Youth volunteers will do personal witnessing house-to-house during the last week of Christmas vacation, December 26-30, 1966. A total of 100 qualified C.A.'s are currently being recruited from the local and District areas.

The three local Assemblies are uniting to meet the challenge of 60,000 Salinas residents. This appears to be a timely opportunity to reach many souls with the gospel.

Purposes of the crusades are to witness, win, follow-up and integrate into local churches. Youth will be actively witnessing from house-to-house through the day, and involved in other evangelistic opportunities in the evening.

The crusade begins Monday evening, December 26th at 6:00 p.m. and concludes Friday, December 30th, at 2:00 p.m. Team members must provide their own transportation to the crusade. Housing and meals will be provided by local churches.

To qualify a young person must have a personal relationship with Christ, be at least a sophomore in High School, and be among the first 100 to qualify before the December 15th deadline. Personal recommendations and pastoral approval are considered of great importance in the screening of applicants.

It is expected that the team members will abide by the regulations of the crusade, contribute \$5.00 toward its expenses, and participate in its entirety. Of prime importance is the necessity of having a love for souls, a love for God, and a dedication to His Service.

For application write YOUTH MISSIONS MOBILIZED, C.A. Dept., P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060.

ON FUNDS AND TEENS

(A D-CAP Editorial)

C.A.s are on the move—lively services, spiritual fervency, genuine compassion, and purposeful activities are characteristic of many of today's Assemblies of God youth groups.

We are most genuinely enthused over the zeal and spiritual vigor of our Christ's Ambassadors. We want to do more to see more and more of them actively engaged in dedicated activity in the local area.

Because of the general trend of more churches providing better activities and more specialized emphasis for teen-agers (the most important age group in the church), one important problem looms to threaten the effectiveness of the local C.A. program—lack of funds.

It is apparent we must take a new look at the financial undergirding of our local programs. Many churches are.

If You're A Teen-Ager—GIVE!

The Biblical principle of tithing teaches that you, a Christian teen, must give one-tenth of your income to God. Jacob was a very young man when he first entered into a tithe-contract with God (Gen. 28: 22). As the tithe is to be placed in the regular church offering, you should plan to give offerings *above* your tithe to your C.A. group. This amount should be a minimum of 25¢ per week for most teens. God will bless you for feeling the import of your group and giving heartily to support it.

If You're A Parent—TRAIN!

You train by setting the example of tithes and offerings. You train by encouraging systematic, weekly participation in C.A. offerings. You train by making provision for your teen-ager to have money for an offering (as well as money for all his other needs). You train by instructing on financial responsibility to God's program.

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Suggestions For Pastoral Care Of Military And Military-Bound Youth

by Chaplain David W. Plank

1. Brief draft-eligible man on his military obligation and how it may be satisfied. Give him raw materials with which to make wise and prayerful choice in matter.

2. Emphasize opportunities in military: travel, education, vocational training, personal development and maturity, Christian witness.

3. Teach Pauline principle, "in whatever state each was called, there let him remain with God." (I Cor. 7.24). Man in uniform should consider this as his divine calling: don't fret, but be the best man in uniform possible; don't consider military as preparation for future only, but as opportunity to glorify God and serve His Kingdom now in the military, which is his vocation and divine calling for the present.

4. Stress pitfalls and temptations that he might be "able to withstand

in the evil day, and having done all, to stand:" viz, illicit sexual relation, liquor, profanity, gambling, narcotics.

5. Teach him how to personally lead men to Christ. Emphasize friendship evangelism versus invitation-to-a-meeting evangelism. As a Christ ambassador, he is in effect an extended arm of your church.

6. Show him how to begin and maintain private devotions, including inductive Bible study; prayer that he may "grow thereby unto salvation;" and how to lead informal Bible study and discussion groups on his own.

7. Present the Biblical view on such subjects as Christian Liberty, race, marriage, sex, parenthood, guidance and vocation.

8. Make certain that man appreciates the reality of the indwelling Jesus Christ in his life, and the power of the Holy Spirit to maintain a victorious Christian life and testimony.

9. When a young man leaves for service, make mention of his departure in the morning service, offer

prayer for him, and present him with a New Testament or Bible. When he returns on leave, publicly recognize him. Upon his discharge, welcome him back into the fellowship of the church.

10. Insure that his name and military address is forwarded to Servicemen's Division, and that that address is kept current inasmuch as possible.

11. Use the mails to keep in touch. Send serviceman your weekly bulletin and church paper. Drop him a card or short note at regular intervals: urge him to attend church services at every opportunity; to contact his chaplain; to become active in chapel program.

12. Remind him that though absent he nevertheless remains a member of your church. Encourage him to tithe his income to the church; to write, sharing his experiences, problems, prayer requests, blessings and any fruit with which God has prospered him.

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BBC TRUSTEES IN FALL MEET



The Bethany Bible College Board of Trustees held their regular fall meeting on the Campus in Santa Cruz recently. They are gathered here in front of the new wing of Craig Memorial Chapel which was dedicated in a morning service during their visit.

They are: (front row left to right) N. D. Davidson, Oregon District Superintendent; Robert Pirtle, Secretary of the Board and pastor in Roseville, California; Joseph Gerhart, Superintendent Northern California and Nevada District; Cordas C. Burnett, President Bethany Bible College; Kenneth Haystead, Chairman of Board and pastor in Alhambra, California; T. Kermit Jeffrey, Vice Chairman of Board and pastor in San Jose; Phil Sondeno, Treasurer of Board and contractor in San Jose; Fred Friedmeyer, businessman from La Crescenta; Ed Johnson, businessman from Modesto.

(Second row) Ray Hollingsworth, Chairman College Council and businessman from San Jose; Jack Kuykendall, businessman from Eugene, Oregon; Earl Book, Oregon District Secretary and pastor in Albany, Oregon; Jess Blakeley, businessman from Fresno; Ralph Hillegas, pastor, Sunnyvale; Robert Carrington, pastor in Turlock; William Vickery, and R. A. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent respectively of the Northern California and Nevada District. Not pictured: Walter Thompson, auditor from Sacramento, California.

REVIVALTIME Revivaltime in this District

Number of churches giving
this month 97
Percent of cooperating
churches 29%

Total Offerings sent to
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Top Churches in Total offerings—
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MORE PEOPLE & PLACES...

FROM PAGE 3

BITS OF NEWS...

Modesto, Calvary Temple... Recent meetings with Evangelist Claude O. Wood.

Pastor Donald J. Bogue Pacific Grove... Evangelist Victor Trimmer conducted Fall Evangelistic Campaign.

Pastor Dennis Davis Sunnyvale... Reverend Ed Cole ministered in a Spiritual Emphasis Week... Pastor Ralph Hillegas

Campbell Assembly was honored with Guest Speaker, Reverend Ralph M. Riggs, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God... Pastor Herbert Johnson

Carmichael Assembly was blessed by Missionary Inez Kreiss, Veteran Missionary to India...

Pastor L. W. Suter Vallejo, First Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Reverend Kenneth Olson of Bethany Bible College staff... Missionary and Mrs. Lowell Dowdy and Missionary and Mrs. Elmer Bueno, Latin America.

Reverend Dick Williams, Director of Chi Alpha Student Center for U.C. at Berkeley.

Missionary Evangelist John French has written a Christmas drama entitled, "THE ENCHANTING LIGHT." It is being presented in no less than 17 churches through-



JOHN FRENCH - Missionary Evangelist

out the USA this year. He is directing and acting in one production of the drama to be given in Hollywood. (Watch for a forthcoming article by John French in G. T. Magazine called, "Vanity, Vanity.")

EVANGELIST J. L. JEFFREY...

Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey reports, "This summer has been a busy one... we have ministered in Sebastopol, Hoopa, Cotati, Castroville, Napa, Windsor, Laytonville, Santa Rosa, Boyes Hot Springs and Cloverdale.

I would like to report that in March 1965 I went to church on a Sunday night and was so sick I had to hold to the pulpit to keep from falling. Many of the people insisted that I should see a doctor. My blood sugar was 420 and normal is 80-120. My last count taken in July 1966 was down to 82. I would appreciate the prayers of God's people that He will complete this healing. We have open dates for meetings in 1967. Address: 489 El Centro Way, Santa Rosa, California."

With The Lord

J. W. BELCHAR...


On October 26, 1966, God called one of His choice servants "home." Dearly beloved by friends and family, Brother J. W. "Daddy" Belchar had served in this District for many years and had retained his beautiful Christlike spirit even during recent years when his active ministry was somewhat limited. His wife, Mrs. Pearl A. Belchar, preceded him in death on April 26, 1966. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to the members of the Belchar family.

MRS. MARGARET E. FRAZIER...

Another faithful member of the 'household of faith', Mrs. Margaret E. Frazier, of Madera, widow of the late Reverend W. A. Frazier, went to be with her Lord on October 16. We remember the family in our sincere prayers.

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SUGGESTIONS

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13. Subscribe for him to the *Evangel*, *CA Herald*, *His*, *Christian Herald*, *Moody Monthly*, or some other evangelical publication.

14. Send him on occasion a tract, pamphlet, or book which will be helpful to him in his Christian life. This is a splendid way to remember His birthday.

15. Frequently include servicemen *by name* in pastoral prayers; urge congregation to remember them in private and family devotions; maintain an Honor Roll on display in church showing names and pictures of your youth serving in uniform.

16. Encourage CAs to stay in contact with servicemen through correspondence, and possibly an oc-

casional telephone call. Remember his birthday.

17. Observe Servicemen's Day each first Sunday of July, reminding congregation of absent servicemen, their need for prayer and support.

18. Support Servicemen's Division with an annual offering, such as on Servicemen's Day, and/or place the Division in your church budget.

19. Encourage spiritual and interested veterans to adopt a serviceman, with the responsibility to pray for, correspond with, and maintain an interest in.

20. Provide him with list of the Christian Servicemen Centers located around the world. Officers Christian Union (Box 267, East Lansing, Michigan) will provide a handy booklet listing centers and their addresses.

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ON FUNDS AND TEENS

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If You're A C.A. Leader— PROMOTE!

Don't be satisfied with nickels and dimes in the offering. Be convinced that your teens do have money in their pockets and purses. Challenge them to participate in each offering. State the importance and purpose of each collection. Involve your youth in the financial decisions of the group.

If You're A Young Married— SUPPORT!

Responsibility often falls upon your capable shoulders for supporting your C.A. program with your leadership, your prayer, and your finances. Younger youth are dependent upon you. Although your interests are often different from theirs, you have obligations to them. Don't let them down.

If You're A Church Leader— SUBSIDIZE!

Many teen-oriented C.A. groups are being subsidized through funds allocated from the church budget. Alert, youth-minded church boards are recognizing that teens need to be assisted in their efforts to operate an efficient program. A well-developed teen program is dependent upon proper financing, and a teen group is dependent upon church aid. Show a vital interest in your youth by helping underwrite their program.

If You're A Pastor—EXPEDITE

See that your youth group is receiving adequate financial undergirding. Insist that this most important arm of your church is not hampered in accomplishing its urgent task—to train, to motivate, to win, to activate. Make sure your youth officers, counseled by dedicated adult sponsors, can properly take care of vitally important expenditures, such as for speakers, tracts, publicity, films, activities, district support, etc. Urge your church board to write your C.A. department into its budget.

Invest in youth and the church will grow. None of us can escape our responsibility for these who provide enthusiasm, vision, and potential for the kingdom of God. Let's invest our time, energy, and funds—to reach our teens for God.

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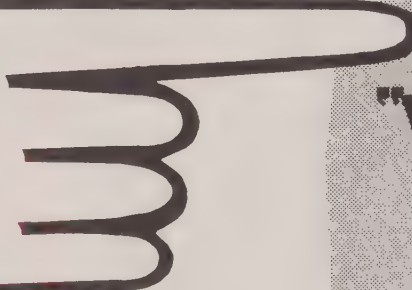
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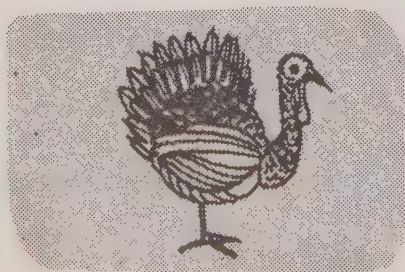
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